

the same way, if he wouldn't think this is really important that we do help these young people. I would urge the adoption of the Kahle amendment and let's not crystal ball gaze into what the Governor is going to do, what the rest of our priorities will be for the rest of the afternoon in the A bills that we will be voting on. The Governor may very well reduce this again, but at least I feel I want to show my constituents and the people of Nebraska what my priority is and I really don't care what the Governor's priorities are. I know what I am here for and that is for my people and the people in Nebraska and the parents of these children I think will appreciate it also. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think we are at a point where we are making decisions, tough decisions, trying to balance the books and I appreciate Senator Landis' opinions about how we might do that. I have a few of my own. You know, I think it is more important to provide students with an opportunity to go to college than it is to expand programs at the University and if I had my choice I would fund this for the full \$5 million and go back and take \$2.5 out of the University, take some money out of some of the other places. We still have that option. I think the real issue here though is whether or not you support the Kahle motion. This program ought to be established with some dollar figure and the question has got to be, if you vote for Martin Kahle's \$800,000 you ought to be able to vote for that proposal on Final Reading. Now I am going to vote against it. I am going to vote against it and I am going to offer a substitute motion to do \$250,000 which is smaller but it does establish the program. If Martin wins, I am going to vote for the bill and the A bill. If Martin doesn't win I will to offer the \$250,000, hopefully we can establish that, but there are still a lot of options this Legislature has. At this point in time this program is an important program. It is the kind of program we need to establish. It helps the most needy of our students go to college and for that reason, I think we need to do something at some dollar amount.